Guam SEIS

# Integration Meeting Notes Meeting 6 January 9, 2013 1300-1415 Hawaii Standard Time (HST) NFP Environmental Conference Room

#### Attendees:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific (NFP): (b) (6)

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Marianas (NFM): (b) (6)

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#### Welcome

- a. Introductions
- b. The 12 DEC 2012 meeting minutes were accepted with minor revisions.
- c. The SEIS public scoping comment period has closed, the JV submitted the scoping results report, and NFP sent it to the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) and Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO) for their review. NFP received comments from USMC and JGPO and will meet with them next week, 15-16 JAN 2013, to review scoping comments and their impact on how the Draft SEIS is prepared.
- d. (b) (6) as the new program manager for the JV, taking over for (b) (6) s, who retired.

## 2. Alternative Analysis Report

a. Status of alternatives report. NFP changed the deliverable date to 31 JAN 2013 instead of 17 JAN 2013. Comments from USMC are due to NFP by 20 JAN 2013. NFP will give consolidated comments to the JV by 18 JAN 2013. JV will prepare the final report and submit it to NFP by 31 JAN 2013.

# 3. Master Planning Task Order from Guam Military Relocation SEIS

- a. 60% conceptual development plan (CDP) is due end of JAN 2013. The infrastructure group is providing input for CDP layouts.
- Starting to receive comments back on 30% submittals on low impact development (LID)/drainage/grading, transportation, hazardous waste/material/petroleum oils and lubricants (POL), and rough order of magnitude (ROM) costs.
- c. Submitting 30% consolidated utilities report (electrical, water, wastewater, solid waste, and IT/Communications) by close of business (COB) 9 JAN 2013. The group finalized the initial calculation of utility demands. The projected demands are more manageable than the prior EIS projections. Received answers to questions on IT/communications requirements.
- d. A site visit is planned to Guam on 22 JAN 2013 for utilities to meet with the Guam Water Authority, Guam Power Authority, Anderson Air Force Base (AAFB), and Naval Base Guam (NBG) personnel. The goal is to vet the current demand and future demand for island-wide utilities to do a full assessment of potential impacts.
- e. Construction phasing and planning has started, with the 30% report due 15 FEB 2013.

- f. Moving towards 60% submittals for the following technical reports: 1) hazardous waste/material/POL, 2) on-base transportation, LID/drainage/grading, 4) ROM/LCC (life-cycle costs), and 5) construction phasing.
- g. One additional population question was posed. The Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG), formerly the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), visits Guam about five times every year for two or three weeks at a time. The ESG has about 5,000 personnel (2,300 Navy and 2,700 Marines). The Navy contingent will remain on ship while the Marines will camp bivouac style per the FEIS. The ships will go "cold iron" and be serviced by shore side utilities. (b) (6) would like confirmation on this plan.
- h. Action Item: (b) (6) will follow up with (b) (6) for confirmation.
- The group is coordinating with (b) (6) on potential schedule impacts from the LFTRC layouts.

#### 4. LFTRC Alternatives

- a. The JV received the Probabilistic Surface Danger Zone (PSDZ) modeling from Training and Education Command (TECOM) on 7 JAN 2013 for Route 15A and northwest field (NWF) on 8 JAN 2013.
- b. TECOM is doing a PSDZ analysis on Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) North/South (N/S) and East/West Options. Because of time constraints to have TECOM do all of the analyses by the projected deadline, an agreement has been made to use the NAVMAG N/S model for the Lshaped range and to use the NWF for the Finegayan and Route 15B alternatives.
- c. NFP AM, USMC, and the JV will meet on 10 JAN 2013 to discuss throughput numbers for Guam ranges. This will be an update to numbers from the FEIS.

## 5. SIAS Update

- a. The team will do a site visit 21-30 JAN 2013 to conduct agency interviews.
- b. The team is currently scheduling interviews with Government of Guam (GovGuam) agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other entities. GovGuam's Guam Buildup Office is facilitating scheduling interviews with GovGuam agencies. (b) (6) and are scheduling meetings with non-GovGuam agencies. There are about 50 interviews being scheduled.
- c. The team is developing interview questions and agendas. Last week, they sent out agendas to some agencies and will prepare more for sending this weekend.
- d. The team is updating background sections for the actual report.
- e. (b)(6) is helping the utility and transportation teams with population projections.
- f. (b) (6) expressed concern about security personnel at other military bases besides NBG to be interviewed. The team is still deliberating on the need for those interviews.
- g. The team has received all completed questionnaires from GovGuam and is waiting on three from DoD and NGO entities. The team will share the utility questionnaires with the utilities studies because some of the questionnaires anticipate projected load that may be useful information for the utilities study.
- h. The Captain at NFM requested a courtesy call from the SIAS team before they arrive in Guam.

  (b) (6) a will contact him.
- i. Action Item: (b) (6) will send contact information to (b) (6) who will call the Capt.

#### 6. SEIS

- a. The team will meet on 10 JAN 2013 to go over scoping report and review comments.
- b. Comments are due to (b) (6) on Friday, 11 JAN 2013.
- c. The team will start on the Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives (DOPAA) next week and background documentation for individual sections of the SEIS.
- d. NFP may present a delay scenario at next week's meeting. (b) (6) submitted a preliminary scenario to (b) (6) already. Review of delay factors:
- e. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as cooperating agency, requested a 30-day review of internal Draft SEIS version 2 instead of the planned two week review.
- f. The population table approval took longer than planned and affected dependent activities.
- g. Had concern about TECOM taking too long. Worked out an agreement to use the NAVMAG model for the 1-shaped range and to use the NWF.
- h. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received a Notice to Proceed later than anticipated, but it has reassured the Navy can still meet the MAR 2013 date.
- Candidate species survey contracted to the University of Guam (UoG) was scheduled for completion by MAR 2013, but UoG is now reporting an expected completion date of SEP 2013 and a field report JUL 2013. The revised work plan is due tomorrow, 10 JAN 2013. UoG hopes to start field work as early as FEB 2013.
- j. There may be schedule slip for the draft and final SEISs but there is little projected slip to the Record of Decision (ROD).
- k. 29 MAR 2013 is the target date for version 1 of the Draft SEIS. All studies need to be in so that the fundamental analysis can begin. The goal is to avoid the situation where the primary author has to begin drafting the SEIS without a resource study being completed.

## 7. Cultural Resource Surveys

- a. The east and west of the Naval Munitions Site (NMS) have been difficult to survey. The team is still surveying the area to the east, although it is mostly completed. The team is working out ways to make site access easier.
- b. The team is now authorized to do surveys on AAFB. This includes the three main alternatives: the northwest field range, the cantonment area, parts of the Finegayan alternative that are on AAFB, and surveys at Barrigada and Apra Harbor.
- c. The team expects to be finishing smaller survey work at end of JAN 2013 with a completion goal of the first weekend of FEB 2013. 1 MAR 2013 is the due date for the survey reports.

## 8. Biological Resource Surveys

a. The limestone pinnacle terrain at NAVMAG and AAFB is very rugged, with some locations having deep crevasses. Preliminary results show that as one approaches the cliff line at AAFB, there are less ungulate impacts due to the terrain and more potential for the presence of biological resources. The AAFB survey area on the very edge of the multipurpose machine gun (MPMG) range is near the cliff line. It is unlikely that the multipurpose machine gun range can be moved back from the cliff line. Also, the MPMG range requires line of sight to targets and being under a certain slope.

- b. On NAVMAG and AAFB NWF, host plants for the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) candidate endangered eight-spot butterfly were observed. The adult butterfly was also seen at AAFB.
- c. The known Serianthes tree was inspected at AAFB in the buffer area of the MPMG range. The area is now fenced. Terrain in the area is pinnacle limestone.
- d. The team observed a single moorhen in a pond at the southern end of the MPMG range at NAVMAG, within the 100-meter buffer area. The footprint could change in the version 3 map. It was noted by Navy representatives that there are other examples of training ranges in the U.S. near moorhens that show little or no effect on the birds.
- e. Extensive wetlands were found at the old Apra Heights housing area.
- f. Action Item: (b) (6) will send the draft report on the housing area to (b) (6) for consideration in the master planning effort.
- g. The potential access road to the private lands through NAVMAG extends through about a mile of wetlands.
- h. Road alignment may be reconsidered at some point, but for now surveying will continue to follow the version 2 maps to preserve version control. Because the old road alignment does not apply in some cases due to private land ownership issues, the team surveyed some areas for the potential new road alignment.

# 9. Wrap Up

The next meeting is 23 JAN 2013 at 1:00 PM HST.